



Metropolitan Pistol Club

The Metro

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Club Happenings

Our Secretary John Reissman has resigned and member Steve Boadle has been appointed by the committee to be secretary until next AGM in September.

Club calendar and range rules have changed somewhat significantly in the last 12 months so I would advise all members to obtain latest information asap. Latest calendar and updated range rules are freely available on table at rear of clubroom.

There is now a Metallic Silhouette match on 1st and 4th Sundays of each month beginning at 9am on range 1.

The club has obtained targets for small bore metallic silhouette and is in the process of designing a match. It is envisaged that we may have alternating small bore matches monthly (targets/silhouette) or combine both matches into one every month so anyone interested grab your .22 rifle and come down to the club every 3rd Sunday morning.

Club Member Geoff Scupham is in the process of writing up a proposal to put to the committee to get a PIN Shoot on the calendar. I suggest this would be helped if members could contact him (geoffscupham@optusnet.com.au) and indicate if they are interested as the more interest shown the better the chance of having it approved.

The club has now added an ISSF weekday shooting calendar so members who have difficulty attending on the weekends can now attend Monday to Friday between 1pm and 5pm. Therefore there is now ample opportunity for members to attend the range, shoot a match and meet their compliance requirements.

Maintenance. If members observe anything at the range which they believe requires repairs there is a maintenance book on table at rear of clubroom in which they can enter the information.

Holster Accreditation. To use a holster in a competition it is a requirement that members have QAPSA holster accreditation. The club has Holster Accreditation Officers available for any member who requires accreditation. They are Steve Boadle metrosec@live.com or Dave Bartlett PH. 0402 245 954 so please contact them to arrange a suitable time.

AGM. The next AGM is to be held at 7pm on 13/09/2010. All members are welcome to attend. Nomination forms for committee positions are available at the club on back table in clubrooms.

When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading.

First Aid

The club is considering organizing a first aid course. Any member who is interested in attending please contact the Club Captain for details.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS

ALL SHOOTERS From the 1st. January.2010.

- * The new Standing Orders of the Metropolitan Pistol Club MUST BE ADHERED TO.
- * There will be NO SHOOTING on Range 6 while people are in or on Range 5 area.
- * There will be NO ADMITTANCE to Range 5 when Range 6 is OPEN for shooting.
- * There will be NO ADMITTANCE to Range 5 when shooting is in progress on the LEFT HALF of Range 3.
- * The LEFT HALF of Range 3 is CLOSED when Range 5 is OPEN for SHOOTING.
- * Ranges 2 and 3 must CEASE FIRE while Range 1 RED STROBE Light is ON [flashing] and shooters are forward of the 50 meter target line. When Range 1 Range Officer/Operator calls a Cease Fire and declares the range SAFE to allow shooters or anyone forward of the 50 meter target line, he/she must FIRST switch RED STROBE Light ON [flashing] (switch is under the light) and ensure Ranges 2 and 3 are notified and observe such Cease Fire Conditions before allowing personal forward of the 50 meter target line.
- * Range 1 access past the 50 meter target line IS CLOSED when shooting is in progress on Ranges 2 and 3.
- * There is NO SHOOTING ALLOWED on LEFT SIDE of Range 6 on ANY Saturday morning before 12 Noon
- * OBSERVE CLUB ROLLING CALENDAR FOR ALL SHOOTING OPTIONS
- * Any Shooting on Range 1 must be conducted in co-operation with City of Brisbane Pistol Club Range 7.
- * NO shooting on Range 1 forward of the 50 m target line outside of organised Club Competitions.

STANDING ORDERS copy may be found and read in Club house and target room.

By Order: Club Captain /Committee and Weapons Licensing Branch.

In 1824, a southern state governor sent a party of difficult Convicts to found a new settlement in Queensland. These days, southern state children send their difficult parents to Queensland to retire. Also a Mecca for Southern State teenagers who upon finishing school, head north for a week of booze and debauchery.

New Members

New member inductions are conducted on 1st Monday of each month at 6.30pm in club rooms.

A warm welcome to all new members who have joined our club this year.

The club now has over 330 members.

“The fascination of shooting as a sport depends almost wholly on whether you are at the right or wrong end of the gun.”



SHOTGUN NEWS "Both Barrels"

The Saturday morning shotgun group is really thriving and more and more members are competing.

For those who don't know much about shotgunning and what we do at Metropolitan here are a few facts.

We shoot every Saturday morning at 08:30 on Range 6A, which is on the eastern side of the Service Pistol Range 6 and next to the Cannon Hill RSL Club 900 metre Rifle Range.

There are three basic shotgun disciplines in Australia

Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays - each one of those basic disciplines have further variations within them.

At our Club, we shoot a variation of Sporting Clays discipline: that means we have random combinations of incoming and outgoing clays, horizontal ground running rabbit clays and challenging crossing birds. We now have four different layouts to challenge both the older hands and newcomers alike. The first Saturday in the month we have a progressive barbeque breakfast as we shoot.

We are a friendly and informal bunch and we are actively looking for new folk to share our sport and our good times.

You don't need a \$20,000 Perazzi or a matched pair of Purdey shotguns to come and shoot with us. Any Over and Under or Side by Side shotgun will do; 410, 20 or 12 gauge is all you need. So dust off that heirloom that was your Grandad's or the family shotgun relic sitting in the safe that last saw a rabbit in anger in the 60's and come and have a go.

We guarantee you a shooting challenge, good company and a million laughs.

FYI

Battlefield injuries claimed less than one in three lives during the American Civil war. Disease was responsible for more than 400,000 of the 618,000 soldiers who perished during the war.

Competition Schedules

I.P.S.C. River City Open 11th & 12th September 2010

Christmas Shoot Saturday 11th December

**Australia Day Open
22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th January 2011
(range workers req'd)**

Important notice - Always remember to pillage BEFORE you burn

MEMBERS COMP. RESULTS

Australian Shooting Games

John Reissman competed in 2 events and achieved a 10th placing in standard gun and a second place (silver medal) in centre fire.

Geoff Scupham competed in Metallic Silhouette Discipline and achieved a 1st place in grade C (gold medal) 3 other members also competed in events and even though I have no placings for them I have heard they went quite well.

However with so many members it is a disappointment that so few of us competed in the ASG. Our club was definitely under represented so come on fellas surely we can do better in future.

Editors note

Can shoot captains please send any info re there disciplines that they believe may be suitable to include in the newsletter to geoffscupham@optusnet.com.au. Comp results, future comps, PB's etc etc.

Also any member can submit articles which may be suitable. Try and keep short and to the point and preferably relevant to the club or pistol shooting in general.

A 'FOR SALE' section for the newsletter is being considered so if any member wants to list items for sale please submit. However putting an add on club notice board next to range register is probably the best way of selling your unwanted items